

***Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting
February 27 - 28, 2003
Best Western Beachfront Inn
Brookings, OR
Meeting #71***

Thursday, February 27, 2003

9:00 a.m. Convene and Introduction of Members

Representative Seat

California Department of Fish and Game
California In-river Sport Fishing Community
California Ocean Commercial Salmon Industry
California Offshore Recreational Fishing Industry
Hoopa Valley Tribe
National Marine Fisheries Service
Non-Hoopa Indians Residing in Klamath Conservation Area
Oregon Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Pacific Fishery Management Council
U.S. Department of the Interior

Members

Neil Manji
Virginia Bostwick
Dave Bitts
Paul Kirk
Mike Orcutt
Dan Viele, Chair
Dave Hillemeier
Keith Wilkinson
Steve King
Don Hansen (Alternate)
Gary Curtis (Alternate)

Agendum 1. Review and approve agenda

Members reviewed the agenda. No changes were made.

**Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Dave Bitts seconding.
To approve the agenda.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Agendum 2. Review materials and correspondence

Gary Curtis went over the list of handouts for the meeting. He noted that the certified minutes from the last meeting in October were contained in the packets. He also stated that members should alert staff when they have specific comments they want included in the record.

Agendum 3. Election of Vice Chair

Paul Kirk explained that he is resigning as Vice Chair of the Council and referenced his letter of resignation, dated November 19, 2002 (see Handout for Agendum 3). He also stated it is not his intention to resign from the Council at this time, but may at a later date. Neil Manji brought up the point that a date of anticipated resignation was needed in order to be able to properly seat a new replacement. Paul Kirk said that he would give the Council sufficient notice if he intends to submit his resignation.

**Don Hansen made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.
To nominate Keith Wilkinson to serve as Vice Chair.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Agendum 4. Klamath Task Force update

John Engbring, Chair of the Task Force, introduced Mike Long, the new supervisor of the Arcata Fish and Wildlife Service office. He then gave an overview of the February meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (Task Force) and discussed the motions passed and assignments made at the meeting. John Engbring mentioned that the Task Force discussed whether to modify their Request for Proposals to be focused toward specific questions or problems, and that a key theme of the Task Force meeting was the need for better coordination among entities involved in restoration activities in the Klamath Basin.

Other Council members also commented on their recollections of the Task Force meeting. Keith Wilkinson said he appreciated that Sue Ellen Wooldridge of the Department of the Interior (DOI) came to their meeting and gave a presentation about the new Federal Working Group formed to help with solutions in the upper Klamath Basin. Mike Orcutt stated that the presentation by Dave Sabo of the Bureau of Reclamation indicated that this will be a low water year for the Klamath. Neil Manji and Paul Kirk mentioned that although the letter from the Task Force to DOI Secretary Norton may be a bit generic, it was encouraging that writing such a letter could be accomplished by the Task Force, which has members representing the upper and lower basins. Dave Hillemeier expressed his discouragement with the inability to agree on a letter stating that all life forms in the Klamath should be supported. Dave Bitts commented that the Biological Opinion is the rule for the operation of the Klamath Project, but there was going to be an effort to provide an additional 15,000 acre-feet through water purchases in the upper basin.

Agendum 5. Trinity Management Council update

Mike Orcutt gave a general overview of the Trinity Management Council (TMC) meeting held on January 9, 2003. He discussed the TMC budget and other topics. He said that the new Trinity River Federal advisory committee is now in place, and held its first meeting on January 21, 2003. Mike Orcutt also said more time was granted for developing the EIS; which is now due July 2004.

Dave Bitts asked about the significance for more time for the EIS to be completed. Orcutt said that more analyses have been added to the EIS. Members then discussed Trinity River water management and where the water for any additional flow might come from.

Mike Orcutt said that 2003 was projected to be a normal water year and that the Hoopa Valley Tribe had requested that the amount of water released reflect that.

Agendum 6. Pacific Fishery Management Council update

Don Hansen noted that Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) meeting minutes and the Preseason I Report were available on their website. He also discussed the schedule of upcoming PFMC meetings.

Agendum 7. Endangered Species Act

Dan Viele reported that the decision by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) not to list sturgeon as threatened was based on lack of evidence. NMFS has received a challenge in the courts on this. (See Handout for Agendum 7).

Dan Viele also provided some background on the current NMFS review on the status of 27 stocks salmon in response to the Alsea decision. He described the review process as composed of two parts: 1) the assessment of negative effects of hatchery fish on the productivity of natural; and 2)

conservation efforts, which includes any positive effects of hatchery efforts. Whether a stock should be listed will be based on both parts.

Dan Viele reported that no action to re-initiate consultation on the operation of Klamath Project has been taken by NFMS, and that they are waiting on the release of reports from the Fish Wildlife Service (FWS) and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) on the fall fish die-off, and the Hardy Phase-II instream flow report. Dan Viele said that these reports will be treated as new and significant information. The National Academy of Sciences report is due in March, but it may be delayed. Dave Hillemeier noted that the slow progress of review might prompt litigation in April.

Gary Curtis reported that the FWS received a petition to list four species of lamprey. The petition is undergoing 90-day review. He said that FWS has ESA responsibility for lamprey species.

Agendum 8. Presentation on new FWS Fisheries Program Strategic Vision

John Engbring summarized the Strategic Vision of the FWS (See handout for Agendum 8, Item 1). This is a new program that represents a renewed commitment by the FWS to fisheries and aquatic resource conservation. The new focus will emphasize partnerships, and a shift from traditional hatchery programs towards habitat and ecosystem restoration. A slide presentation followed. Engbring's handouts included one with five questions posed about step-down plans (see handout for Agendum 8, Item 2). Engbring noted that comments could be directed to Gary Curtis. Don Hanson expressed interest in having this presentation made to PFMC.

Agendum 9. Public Comment

Lucie La Bonte, Commissioner of Curry County, welcomed the group to Curry County. She mentioned that she worked on the Oregon Plan, and described funding problems and that funds intended for restoration needs and watershed councils were being redirected to state fish hatcheries instead of restoration.

Agendum 10. Report from the Technical Advisory Team

George Kautsky, Technical Advisory Team (TAT) chair, described current progress on ageing of spring Chinook scale collections made over the past 10 years. He said they are working on the cohort reconstruction using the same methodology used for fall-run Chinook. He then provided an update on Klamath River spring Chinook spawner, river harvest, and run size estimates for years 1980-2002 (see handout for Agendum 10).

Neil Manji asked about progress with scale reading. George Kautsky reported that they were looking for more scales, such as from the South Fork Trinity, but that that they were done with bulk of the work. Dan Viele asked when cohort reconstruction work would start. George Kautsky replied late summer. Dave Bitts asked when we should anticipate a look at ocean harvest rates. George Kautsky thought that they needed to complete the cohort reconstruction first. Dave Hillemeier brought up the need for a definition of spring Chinook, and that there have been significant harvests of spring Chinook in August. Mike Orcutt asked about the state regulations when spring Chinook are in the river. Neil Manji said that spring Chinook are covered by fall Chinook regulations but include some closures and restrictions on adult fish below Iron Gate Dam. Mike Orcutt asked about regulations above the South Fork Trinity. Neil Manji said that the theory is most spring Chinook above the South Fork go to the hatchery, while most natural spring Chinook go into the South Fork. There was discussion about George Kautsky potentially attending a Salmon Learning and Understanding Group meeting.

Agendum 11. Report on angler harvest of spring Chinook in Lower River

Neil Manji presented data on spring Chinook run size, harvest, and hatchery returns in the Trinity River above Junction City from 1977 to 2001 (see handout for Agendum 11). He stated that spring run Chinook harvest data is a top priority for CDFG and they are seeking funding.

Agendum 12. Public Comment

Ed B. Duggan, representing Trinity River fisheries interest groups, asked that the Council consider or promote regulations that would allow for an in-river harvest of hatchery coho salmon. He stated that such a fishery could add \$1 million to the Trinity River economy and \$2.5 million to the Klamath. The economic benefit to small communities is large since every new dollar turns over in the local community 5 to 8 times. Currently, over 10,000 fish go unharvested.

Neil Manji said that this issue has been seriously considered. Currently, there is a 100% marking of hatchery coho, but the clip is a maxillary clip and they would need an exemption to use adipose clips, which are more easily seen by fisherman. He pointed out that the impending listing of coho under the California Endangered Species Act will impact what can be done on this. There may be an allowance for harvest, but it needs to be spelled out. Dan Viele suggested that the issue could be put on a future agenda. Steve King noted that Oregon had most of these same hurdles and was able to get over them, but it took a couple of years. Steve King said that the Klamath and Rogue rivers are in the same ESU and should have similar regulations on this.

Agendum 13. Report on 2002 salmon returns to the Klamath River

Sara Borok, CDFG gave a presentation on the Klamath basin fall Chinook run size estimates for 2002. The data reflected the Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam downstream and the Trinity River from Lewiston Dam downstream. The data were constructed from various sources including weir counts, video tapes, tags, carcass counts, redd surveys, hatchery counts, creel surveys, reward tags, and Tribal sampling. In general, it appeared that there were good returns last year (100,000 adults, 8th largest run since 1978, but slightly reduced from previous year). Total number of natural spawners was estimated at 68,000 fish. It was suggested that difference in returns of Chinook to various tributaries was due to run timing, and those with earlier returns (Bogus Creek and Shasta River) had better returns this year.

Agendum 14. CDFG Report on fish mortality

Neil Manji commented on the current status of the CDFG report on the 2001 fish die-off. He mentioned that they had received some feedback on the initial draft report and that CDFG is updating the report. He discussed several recommendations that came out of the draft report.

Dave Hillemeier suggested that the Council write letter to the Secretary of Interior to stress the need for survival of fish and to prevent future die-offs. The groups discussed whether another letter would be effective and if a more specific letter that mentions the potential of another dry year would be appropriate. There was interest in reviewing the Pacific Fishery Management Council letter that was recently sent out. Dan Viele asked Dave Hillemeier about the timing of another letter. Dave Hillemeier thought that one should be written soon.

Mike Orcutt asked who was assessing the composition of the fish die-off. He was interested in data that could address the proportions of Trinity fish that were killed. Neil Manji said that was a good point, and mentioned that the individuals and agencies working on the various analyses and reports need to get together. Mike Orcutt asked whether the Technical Advisory Team was specifically working on this issue. George Kautsky said they were not.

Assignment: Dave Hillemeier to draft a letter to Secretary Norton for the March 9th meeting and email it to members for review. The letter will avoid statements of what was already said in previous letters.

Agendum 15. Reports on 2002 harvests

It was decided that there were no major additions to what was already prepared during the October meetings (see handouts for Agendum 15).

Agendum 17 California Fish and Game Commission update

Neil Manji provided updates on California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) activities. He said several Commission meetings have been scheduled for the adoption of CDFG regulations of in-river sport fishing on the Klamath River. Neil Manji reported on several changes in the Klamath Basin fishing regulations for 2003: 1) There will be no real-time creel census; 2) there will be a withdrawal of the sub quotas, and half the sport catch will occur below Coon Creek Falls and half above; 3) Trinity River may have a closure of 20 days between August 1 and November 30 if the run size is reduced; and 4) a reduced adult catch limit (from 2 to 1 per day) and the allowance of 2 jacks.

Dave Hillemeier asked about how real-time creel monitoring would be replaced by model projections. Neil Manji said that the CDFG will use correlations of the previous three-years of real-time data in the upper Klamath.

Keith Wilkinson asked clarification on the in-river share. Neil Manji said that 15-17 % is allocated to in-river anglers, and this is what the Commission's documents reflect. Members then discussed this issue and it was pointed out that the Council had decided on a specific 15% allocation a number of years ago, not a range of values. Dan Viele asked what the Commission expects the Council to do about this. Neil Manji said he would check with the Commission on this issue.

Agendum 16. Report on 2003 fall Chinook stock size projections

George Kautsky, Technical Advisory Team handed out two documents: 1) Escapement estimates of fall Chinook 2002, and 2) predictor model performance for 2002 and forecasts for 2003 (see Handouts, for Agendum 16). He discussed how the data are used to derive estimates of returns and how the proportions of fish in each age class are used to predict the next year's return. He presented the age structure of the 2003 run and discussed the accuracy of the scale analyses.

The Council expressed their appreciation for the TAT's hard work. Ed Duggan from the audience commented on the high returns to Horse Linto Creek and noted that, about 15 years ago, it had hardly had any spawners. Duggan also noted that the creek received five years of restoration work and this data shows the success of that effort.

George Kautsky then presented the stock projections for 2003. The predictions were for slightly lower abundances (~10%) than in 2002. He discussed the process used to develop the projections, and noted that the 2002 preseason predictions were within 40% of post-season abundance estimates.

Mike Mohr reviewed the escapement goal of 35,000 naturally spawning fall Chinook and how this goal is met through regulation of the harvest (see Handout for Agendum 16, Item 3). He said that in the absence of harvest, an estimated 85,000 natural fish would spawn in 2003. He pointed out that a 67% harvest rate would only allow for 28,000 fish to spawn naturally. He said that this is less than the conservation goal of 35,000 fish, and that harvests will need to be reduced to meet the escapement goal.

Agendum 18. Endangered Species Act requirements for 2003

Dan Viele reported that ESA constraints would not change from those in 2002. National Marine Fisheries Service normally provides the PFMC with a guidance letter on this. Some of the recommendations discussed by Dan Viele include: 1) For Southern Oregon Northern California Coho (SONCC) the ocean exploitation rate on Rogue Klamath hatchery coho stocks may not exceed 13%; 2) For California Coastal Chinook, ocean harvest rates on age-4 Klamath River fall chinook may not exceed 16%; and 3) For Sacramento River winter chinook, the timing and duration of ocean fisheries cannot substantially change below Point Arena. Exploitation rate on Oregon Coastal Natural coho (OCN) is still covered under Amendment 13. Given the status of coho in 2003, the Fishery Management Plan goal is a 15% exploitation rate. Steve King noted that last year's escapement of OCN on Oregon Coast was at a 50-year high.

Agendum 20. Public Comment

Ed B. Duggan, representing Trinity River fisheries interest groups, stated that the Trinity River salmon quota and only been exceeded once since 1991. He said that the proposed 20-day season on the Trinity would really hurt the area economically and not allow the harvest to reach the quota.

Neil Manji stated that the 20-day was a clause for a potential closure if needed based on the numbers of fish that show up, and not a 20-day season.

Recess.

Friday, February 28, 2003

8:00 a.m. reconvene.

Agendum 19. Develop range of options for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

Neil Manji described a model used by CDFG that is designed to help predict the number of fall run Chinook to be harvested in the river sport fishery. He said that the model will be run after either week 35 or week 36, and if there are any surplus harvestable fish they will notify the Tribes. He noted that the model calculations are based on all fish caught and includes some spring Chinook. CDFG is working on improving the model. Once the model has been finished reviewed, it will be handed over to Technical Advisory Team.

Dave Hillemeier asked about the accuracy of the model. Neil Manji reported that the 2002 fish kill made predictions difficult. When the model was first run, it predicted 14,000 fish, but the run was actually 12,000 fish, including jacks, so it was a little off.

Agendum 20. Public Comment

No public comment received

Agendum 21. Develop a range of options for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies (continued)

Dan Viele stated that the Council developed three options last year, but these options had not really been utilized by the Salmon Advisory Sub-panel (SAS). He pointed out that the recommendations had been made to PFMC and they should also make the recommendations directly to the (SAS). Members then discussed whether the Council should limit their recommendation to Tribal and non-Tribal allocation or to make recommendations about season/area openings and closures. Keith Wilkinson gave the Oregon

perspective as wanting to know of any “changes in our baseline” as changes would require significant negotiations between Oregon and California. Mike Orcutt brought up whether the Council can address the Karuk fisheries impacts. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting, and that there would be no formal communication from the Council on this issue. Dan Viele agreed to talk to Don Stevens, Chair of the SAS, about his request that the Karuk Tribal harvest impacts be accounted for (see email in Handout for Agendum 21, Item 1).

Members again discussed the 15% allocation issue for in-river harvest and the 15-17% range referred to in the California Fish and Game Commission documents. Eric Larson CDFG said that the 15-17% range was in the Commission documents the previous year and was meant to allow the Commission to conform to the PFMC should they deviate for the recommended 15% options if needed.

Dan Viele asked if there was any discussion on the effects of ESA on Tribal and non-Tribal shares. Neil Manji asked for a brief explanation on how ESA affects Tribal shares. Mike Orcutt explained how ESA constraints result in a reduced annual Tribal allocation. Members then discussed how ESA restrictions affect the fisheries and final allocations of fish.

Agendum 22. Public Comment

Jim Welters stated that he liked Ronnie Pierce’s book explaining harvest allocation of Klamath Basin salmon. He also stated that fish taken in the Karuk fishery should be counted. Finally, he noted that the Council process looks to be going well.

Agendum 21. (continued) Develop a range of options for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

The Council discussed items for the recommendations to the PFMC in March that could be resolved at this meeting, to save time at the March meetings. Dave Hillemeier noted that the Council could approve in principle the concept of full utilization of surplus fish.

The discussion then focused on recommendations included in the April 9, 2002, Council report to the PFMC (see Handout for Agendum 21, Item 3). Several members asked for clarification of those recommendations and the council discussed a few potential edits to the 2002 recommendations applicable to the 2003 season. Members then discussed using portions of the 2002 recommendations as guiding principles for the 2003 season recommendations.

Dave Bitts made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

The Council accepted Item 5 [from the April 9, 2002, report to the PFMC] as a guiding principle for Council actions in 2003.

Mike Orcutt made a Friendly Amendment:

The Council included Item 4 [from the April 9, 2002, report to the PFMC] as written with Item 5.

Dave Bitts accepted the Friendly Amendment.

Motion passed with Keith Wilkinson abstaining.

The Council then discussed assignments to the TAT. The TAT was asked to model two scenarios:

1. Model the projected 2003 abundance with 2002 regulations assuming that OCN coho is not a constraint and a 16% exploitation rate on age-4 fish. Runs to include an expansion of the recreational fishery, a reduction in the Fort Bragg recreational fishery closure, and an increase in the troll fishery near Fort Bragg in May.

2. Model the projected 2003 abundance with and expansion of the KMZ sport fishery using KMZ Coalition input and options, a 16% exploitation rate on age-4 fish, and an increase in the troll fishery near Fort Bragg in May.

Agendum 22. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Agendum 23. Review of motions and assignments, agenda items for March 2003 meeting, and assignments to the TAT

Gary Curtis reviewed the motions and assignments (see attachment 3).

Mike Orcutt asked if the Council could direct the TAT to investigate the composition of the fish kill and that any data needs to be scientifically defensible for possible litigation and flow regime issues. Dan Viele noted that the FWS and the CDFG were already looking into the fish kill issues and that they have members on the TAT. Dan Viele stated that he did not want to make a separate assignment to the TAT without a request from the agencies.

The Council discussed items for the March meeting. These included the development of fishery options and advice to the PFMC, a letter to Secretary Norton regarding the prevention of future fish mortality events, a letter to PacifiCorp regarding fall Chinook marking rates at Iron Gate hatchery, and a letter to FWS regarding the draft Strategic Vision.

Robert Thompson of the Brookings Chamber of Commerce thanked the Council for coming to Brookings and that they consider coming again.

Adjourn

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

The following individuals attended the Klamath Fishery Management Council meetings in Brookings, Oregon, on February 27-28, 2003.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jim Welter	Port of Brookings - SAS
Lee Salstrom	Public
Paul Kirk	Klamath Fishery Management Council
Bob Crouch	Public
Eric Larson	California Department of Fish & Game
Jim Waldvogel	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Roger L. Thompson	Public
Froy Watson	Public
Les Cohen	Public
Ralph Dairy	Public
Boyd Ferris	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council
Billy Colegrove	Hoopa Valley Tribe
E.B. Duggani	Trinity River Fishery
Wade Sinnen	California Department of Fish & Game
George Kautsky	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council; Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Jerry Barnes	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Russ Crabtree	Port of Brookings Harbor
Mike Long	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sara Borok	California Department of Fish & Game
Tam Moore	Capital Press
Allen Grover	California Department of Fish & Game

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Allen Grover	California Department of Fish & Game
Jim Waldvogel	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Ray Brouette	Public
Bob Crouch	Public
Jim Welter	Port of Brookings - SAS
Michael Mohr	National Marine Fisheries Service
George Kautsky	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council; Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Boyd Ferris	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council
Billy Colegrove	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council
Brian Bullock	Port of Brookings Harbor
Desma Williams	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Roger L. Thompson	Public
Ralph Dairy	Public
Jon Fraser	Public

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LIST OF HANDOUTS

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| Agendum 3 | Letter from Paul Kirk to Dan Viele, resigning as Council Vice Chair, dated November 19, 2002. |
| Agendum 7 | Federal Register Notice regarding the petition to list North American Green Sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act. |
| Agendum 8 | |
| Item 1 | Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program: Conserving America's Fisheries, dated December 2002. |
| Item 2 | Questionnaire: What Information does the FWS need from its partners and Stakeholders for developing Regional Step-down Plans? |
| Agendum 10 | Klamath River Basin Spring Chinook Salmon Spawner Escapement, River Harvest and Run-Size Estimates, 1980-2002. |
| Agendum 11 | Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Run-size, Spawner Escapement and Angler Harvest Estimates for the Trinity River Upstream of Junction City Creek Weir from 1977 through 2001. |
| Agendum 15 | |
| Item 1 | Hoop Valley Tribal Harvest (2000-2002) |
| Item 2 | Yurok Tribe Spring Chinook Harvest 2002. |
| Item 3 | Klamath River Basin Fall Chinook Salmon Spawner Escapement, In-river Harvest and Run-size Estimates, 1978-2002. |
| Agendum 16 | |
| Item 1 | Klamath River Fall Chinook Age-Specific Escapement, 2002 Run. |
| Item 2 | Predictor Performance for 2002 and Forecasts for 2003. |
| Item 3 | Klamath Fall Chinook: Natural Spawner Goal. |
| Agendum 21 | |
| Item 1 | Correspondence from Don Steven, SAS, regarding KFMC SAS interaction. |
| Item 2 | Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated March 12, 2002. |
| Item 3 | Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated April 9, 2002. |

Informational Handouts

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| Handout 1 | Letter from KFMC to California Fish and Game Commission, Robert Treanor regarding Klamath River Fish Kill, dated October 22, 2002. |
| Handout 2 | Letter from Robert Treanor to KFMC regarding acknowledgment of letter, dated November 13, 2002. |
| Handout 3 | Letter from Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force to Interior Secretary Gale Norton regarding Recent Salmon Die-off on the Klamath River, dated December 27, 2002. |
| Handout 4 | Letter from Humboldt County to Interior Secretary Gale Norton regarding Klamath River Fish Kill, dated January 28, 2003. |
| Handout 5 | Notice from California Fish and Game Commission on proposed regulatory action regarding Ocean Salmon Sport Fishing, dated February 14, 2003. |
| Handout 6 | Letter to Commerce Secretary Donald L. Evans regarding proposed changes to Klamath Fishery Management Council Charter, dated February 19, 2003. |
| Handout 7 | Letter to Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski regarding proposed changes to Klamath Fishery Management Council Charter, dated February 19, 2003. |
| Handout 8 | Letter to California Governor Gray Davis regarding proposed changes to Klamath Fishery Management Council Charter, dated February 19, 2003. |
| Handout 9 | Letter to Clifford L. Marshall, Hoopa Valley Tribe, regarding proposed changes to the Klamath Fishery Management Council Charter, dated February 19, 2003. |
| Handout 10 | Notice from California Fish and Game Commission on Proposed Regulator Action Relating to Klamath River Sport Fishing Regulations, dated February 14, 2003. |
| Handout 11 | Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting Notice, dated February 19, 2003. |
| Handout 12 | 2002 Fisheries & Escapements and 2003 Ocean Abundances. |
| Handout 13 | Letter to Dave Sabo from the Bureau of Reclamation regarding Transmittal Report "September 2002 Klamath River Fish Kill: Preliminary Analysis of Contributing Factors" and California Department of Fish and Game Recommendations. |

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MOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

February 27, 2003

**Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Dave Bitts seconding.
To approve the agenda.
The motion passed unanimously.**

**Don Hansen made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.
To nominate Keith Wilkinson to serve as Vice Chair.
The motion passed unanimously.**

February 28, 2003

**Dave Bitts made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.
To accept item 4 and item 5 of Agendum 21 item 3 handout (Recommendations to the PFMC) as
guiding principals for actions of the Council this year.
Motion passed unanimously.
Keith Wilkinson abstained.**

Assignments:

1) Dan Viele will speak with Don Stevens, SAS Chair, regarding the issue of accounting for the Karuk harvest.

2) Dave Hillemeier to draft a letter to Secretary Norton for the March 9th meeting and email it to members for review. The letter will avoid statements of what was already said in previous letters.

Assignments to the Technical Advisory Team:

1) Review the CDFG in-river harvest prediction model used to predict salmon sport harvest from Coon Creek to Interstate 5 due to the lack of real-time creel survey data.

2) Model two fishing scenarios:

1. Model the projected 2003 abundance with 2002 regulations assuming that OCN coho is not a constraint and a 16% exploitation rate on age-4 fish. Runs to include an expansion of the recreational fishery, a reduction in the Fort Bragg recreational fishery closure, and an increase in the troll fishery near Fort Bragg in May.
2. Model the projected 2003 abundance with and expansion of the KMZ sport fishery using KMZ Coalition input and options, a 16% exploitation rate on age-4 fish, and an increase in the troll fishery near Fort Bragg in May.

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FINAL AGENDA

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Convene Klamath Council meeting

Introduce members

ADMINISTRATION

1. Review and approve agenda
2. Review materials and correspondence
3. Election of Vice Chair

GENERAL

4. Klamath Task Force update
5. Trinity Management Council update
6. Pacific Fishery Management Council update
7. Endangered Species Act
8. Presentation on new USFWS Fisheries Program Strategic Vision
9. Public Comment

Break

SPRING CHINOOK MANAGEMENT

10. Report from the Technical Advisory Team
11. Report on angler harvest of spring Chinook in lower river
12. Public Comment

Lunch

2002 MANAGEMENT SEASON

- 13. Report on 2002 salmon returns to the Klamath River
- 14. CDFG Report on fish mortality
- 15. Reports on 2002 harvests

2003 MANAGEMENT SEASON

- 16. Report on 2003 fall Chinook stock size projections
- 17. California Fish and Game Commission update
- 18. ESA requirements for 2003
- 19. Review of in-season river recreational utilization model and its utility for identification of harvestable surplus

Break

- 20. Public Comment
- 21. Develop range of options for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

Recess

Friday, February 28, 2002

8:00 am. Reconvene

2003 MANAGEMENT SEASON

- 21 (continued). Develop a range of options for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies

Break

- 22. Public Comment
- 21 (continued). Develop a range of options for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies
- 23. Review of motions and assignments, agenda items for March 2003 meeting, and assignments to the TAT

Adjourn